



## **CAPITOL CORNER**

### **2006 LEGISLATIVE**

### **UPDATE**

#### **By Your State Representative**

**Kevin C. Ambler, District 47**

#### **HB 763- Stricter Penalties for Luring and Enticing a Child**

Our children's safety is a top priority for me. That is why I am sponsoring legislation that will make luring or enticing a child under the age of 12 a serious crime. It is important that we as a legislature make it clear that we will not tolerate behavior that puts our children at risk.

This bill provides that it is a misdemeanor of the 1st degree for any person over the age of 18 to intentionally lure or entice, or attempt to lure and entice, a child under the age of 12 into a structure or dwelling for anything other than a lawful purpose. Currently, it is only a crime if the offender has a record of such behavior. This legislation closes that gap, and punishes first offenders.

#### **Community Budget Requests**

- Homeless Coalition's Phones for Jobs program that will provide disenfranchised members of the community a way to communicate with potential employers.
- Moffitt Cancer Center continued support
- YES! Of America's Able Adults program that provides handicapped people with support services
- Carrollwood Cultural Center renovations
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services program that will assist in treatment for mentally ill ex-offenders.
- For the Family, Inc. Family Referral Network

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Over the course of the last month, I have had the privilege of working on a number of policy and budget issues that impact our community. As week five comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has taken time to contact me through email, phone calls, letters, and even visits to our office here in Tampa and Tallahassee. Here is some of the important legislation I am working on in Tallahassee.

**HB 1337- Vision Tests for Drivers License Renewal** I filed this bill on behalf of the students of Gaither, Chamberlain and Sickles High Schools as a result of the "Ought to be a Law" bill drafting competition. If passed, this bill will close the loophole that allows drivers to renew their license without taking a vision exam. Drivers will be able to take a free vision exam at the Department of Motor Vehicles or supply proof of vision exam from their eye doctor.

The "Ought to be a Law" program gives students the opportunity to draft, lobby and usher their bill through the legislative process. Currently, HB 1337 has passed unanimously through two House committees.

#### **HB 591 – Electronic Monitoring**

Electronic monitoring is a non-evasive technology that has become an essential tool in the criminal justice arena. This technology assists law enforcement officials in the tracking of non-violent offenders and sexual predators.

The passage of this bill will authorize licensed bail bond agents to provide court ordered electronic monitoring to certain pretrial releasees and offenders, streamlining the current process.